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Governor Markell celebrates October as Fire Prevention Month



Photo #1: Governor Markell commemorates October as Fire Prevention Month in Delaware with Smokey Bear, celebrating his 65th Birthday this year as the longest-running public service campaign in United States history. Smokey will be visiting first-grade classes in all three counties in the next month, reminding students that “Only you can prevent wildfires!” and to ask them to promise him that they will never play with matches.

More information about Smokey's 65th birthday celebration can be found at the website:
<http://www.happybirthdaysmokeybear.org/>

Photo #2: Governor Markell visited the members of the Delaware Forest Service who helped battle a major wildfire in California's Los Padres National Forest this past summer. The crew members are part of Delaware's Wildland Fire Program, available to assist local fire departments as well as other state and national agencies for fires or all-hazard emergencies.

Pictured from left are:

James Dowd and Todd Gsell of Townsend, Bill Seybold and Michael Valenti of Dover, Governor Jack Markell, Guy Cooper of Georgetown, Sam Topper of Maryland, and Erich Burkentine of Milton.

More information can be found at the Delaware Forest Service website:
dda.delaware.gov/forestry.

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